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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

January 18, 1974

MEMO FOR ROLAND ELLIOTT  
THROUGH: JEANNE W. DAVIS *B*  
FROM: BILL QUANDT (For Saunders) *B2*  
SUBJECT: Reply to Jack Porter

The attached could take care of the top two letters from Mr. Porter. [Both he and Mrs. Porter have gotten replies on other subjects in the interim.]

[Attached are Central Files materials and latest original incoming]

Dear Jack:

Before any more time passes, I want to thank you for your recent messages on the oil and energy situations which I read with keen interest. I much appreciated your sharing your recommendations with me in these critical areas and am always interested in having the benefit of your thinking as we proceed.

As you know, we are devoting a great deal of time and effort to Middle East matters in pursuit of a final negotiated solution to the area's problems. The recently announced disengagement agreement is only a first step but, I believe, a significant one <sup>that</sup> which can pave the way for more steps leading to permanent peace. ~~and~~ I can assure you that we will continue to make every effort towards that end, <sup>and, though</sup> The process will be complex <sup>^</sup> but this Government will remain creatively engaged.

Both you and Mrs. Porter have my warmest regards  
this New Year,

Sincerely,

RN

Mr. H. J. Porter  
1111 Houston Club Building  
Houston, Texas 77002

From the desk of—  
**H. J. PORTER**

Dear Rose Mary

Would you please hand the  
attached letter to the  
President.

Wishing you a Very Merry  
Christmas, I am

Sincerely,

H. J. PORTER

1111 HOUSTON CLUB BLDG.  
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77002

December  
20  
1973

The Honorable Richard M. Nixon  
President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

In connection with the energy shortage, I hear lots of complaints from oil producers about being unable to get oil well casing. It seems the steel companies have diverted a big percentage of their production to sheet steel which is more profitable than oil well casing. If something could be done to induce them to divert some of that production to oil well casing it would result in an increase in the number of wells drilled.

I regret that Senator Erwin is resigning. I wanted to see the hell beat out of him in the next election.

Wishing you and your family a Very Merry Christmas,  
I am

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "H. J. Porter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "H. J." written in a more compact, stylized manner, and "Porter" written in a more extended, flowing script.

HJP/jt

ACTION MEMORANDUM

WASHINGTON

LOG NO.: (4-11-73)  
(up)

Date: December 4, 1973

Time:

FOR ACTION: General Scowcroft

cc (for information):

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: December 7, 1973

Time:

SUBJECT:

Letter from Jack Porter, 11-26, re the Middle East

## ACTION REQUESTED:

☐ For Necessary Action☐ For Your Recommendations☐ Prepare Agenda and Brief☐ Draft Reply☐ For Your Comments☐ Draft Remarks

## REMARKS:

Would you please prepare an appropriate reply to the attached letter for the signature of an appropriate staff member of NSC, forwarding a copy of that reply to the Office of the Staff Secretary and Rose Woods.  
Thank you.

*Re office  
said it should  
be Pres.*

PLEASE ATTACH THIS COPY TO MATERIAL SUBMITTED.

If you have any questions or if you anticipate a delay in submitting the required material, please telephone the

BRUCE A. KEHRLI

**THE WHITE HOUSE**  
**WASHINGTON**

**December 31, 1973**

**TO: MR. VAN ERRON**  
**FROM: BRUCE KEHRLI'S OFFICE**

**As per conversation.**

H. J. PORTER

1111 HOUSTON CLUB BLDG.

HOUSTON, TEXAS 77002

November  
26  
1973

The Honorable Richard M. Nixon  
President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I believe that if you will have the President of the Gulf Oil Corporation in for a visit, fortify him with some idea as to a change in policy towards Israel if they do not get their troops out of Arab Territories and in good faith try to reach a settlement, that he might go to the Middle East and work out an arrangement where the normal shipments of oil would resume.

The reason I suggest the President of Gulf is that they have been producing oil over there a long time and it is to the mutual interest of Gulf and the Arabs to resume those shipments. Economically it is dangerous to surrender markets because they may not be regained.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jack Porter". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

HJP/jt